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The Honorable Harris Ellsworth  
Executive Secretary of the  
President's Distinguished Civilian  
Service Awards Board  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ellsworth:

In response to Secretary Mitchell's invitation to submit  
nominations for the President's Award for Distinguished  
Federal Civilian Service, I am pleased to put forward the  
name of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] joined this Agency in November 1952 to  
become a member of the Board of National Estimates. In  
February 1954, recognizing that he had ranged in his think-  
ing and interest beyond the scope of the Board's responsi-  
bilities and that he had developed a deep insight into the  
problems of intelligence procurement and analysis, I asked  
him to devote full attention to these matters. He left the  
Board at that time and became a special assistant reporting  
directly to me.

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In this position [REDACTED] conceived, developed, and  
carried out a most important and productive intelligence  
operation. The nature, scope, and technical complexity of  
this operation cannot be given here. It involved, on Mr.  
[REDACTED] part, the identification of our most urgent need  
in the field of national intelligence, the creation of a  
daring and brilliant plan to meet the need, the development  
of the technical means to support the plan, and the establish-  
ment of an efficient organization made up of military and  
civilian personnel to carry it out. The scientists and

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engineers who worked with him are nationally known and their work was of critical importance. Yet in the determination of all of its parts and the welding together of the whole operation, [REDACTED] made the decisions. The operation was his creation in the sense that very few large enterprises are ever created by one man.

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[REDACTED] contribution to national security is of such magnitude as to warrant his consideration under the first of the criteria established by the Executive Order.

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[REDACTED] is not a career civil servant. However, he has spent many years working in important capacities in the Federal service. The attached resume of this service will, I believe, support the view that he qualifies for consideration for the President's Award under the second of the criteria established by the Executive Order.

I shall be glad to provide such additional information as the Board might desire in its consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

C. P. Cabell  
General, USAF  
Acting Director

Enclosures

Resume

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/s/ Gordon M. Stewart

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